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ONTARIO LABOUR MINISTER ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN ONTARIO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Ontario Labour Minister Gordon Carton, Q.C. announced that Daniel G. Hill has been appointed Chairman of the Ontario Human Rights Commission. He succeeds Dr. Louis Fine, the first Chairman of the Commission, who is retiring after 20 years of distinguished service in the field of human rights.

Mr. Carton also announced that Walter Currie, Director of the Indian-Eskimo Studies program at Trent University, Peterborough, has been appointed a Commissioner of the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

Dr. Hill has been Director of the Commission since 1962 in which time he has been responsible for establishing and expanding the Commission's administrative program.

In announcing the appointment, Mr. Carton said Dr. Hill's background and training together with his rich experience in the field of human relations makes him eminently qualified for this important task. As Chairman, he will be responsible for guiding the Commission into new program areas and advising the Minister of Labour and the Government on human rights policies.

Mr. Currie is fluent in the Ojibwa language, has worked with numerous Indian organizations and is past President of the Indian-Eskimo Association of Canada. For many years he was an adviser on Indian Affairs to the Ontario Department of Education. He is a former school teacher and principal of Danesbury Public School in North York. Mr. Currie's broad experience in education will be particularly valuable to the Commission in developing a strong human rights program in educational institutions.

